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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF REMAINS: DAVID CHARLES WALKER

REF: (A) LONDON 20356; (B) A-2497 OF 5/13/76 (TAGS: ATRN)

1. SCS HAS DISCUSSED RECENT CHANGE IN MAC REGULATION WITH DEPT'S OPR/ST/T AND DOD OFFICIALS. RECENT CHANGE IN MAC REGULATION STEMS, IN PART, FROM DOD'S COMPLYING WITH PRESSURE NOT TO COMPETE WITH COMMERCIAL CARRIERS IN TRANSPORTING NON-DOD CARGO. ALTHOUGH SCS WAS NOT FOREWARNED OF CHANGE IN REGULATION, OPR/ST/T SENT INFO RE CHANGE TO ALL POSTS UNDER CIRCULAR A-2497, DATED MAY 13, 1976. THE MAC REGULATION BECAME EFFECTIVE JUNE, 1976. THE MAC REGULATION NOW REQUIRES THE DEPT TO CERTIFY THAT USE OF WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: (1) MOVEMENT IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST; (2) NO COMMERCIAL CARRIER IS AVAILABLE FOR MOVEMENT OF NON-USG CARGO; (3) SHIPMENT WILL BE MADE ON REIMBURSEABLE BASIS WITH FUND CITATION PROVIDED BY OPR/ST/T.

2. COFFINS WITH OR WITHOUT REMAINS ARE CONSIDERED CARGO.

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3. WE SYMPATHIZE WITH MAJOR WALKER (RETIRED), BUT DOD DOES HAVE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND MOVEMENT OF NON-USG CARGO. MOREOVER, THE DEPT CANNOT JUSTIFY SHIPMENT OF REMAINS UNDER

CRITERIA OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 BECAUSE COMMERCIAL CARRIER IS AVAILABLE. IF MAJOR WALKER UNABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT OF SON'S REMAINS, WE SEE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAN TO HAVE REMAINS BURIED LOCALLY EITHER AT MR. WALKER'S EXPENSE OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL LAW OF THE UK.

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